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FOURTH REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS S/4387 OF 14 JULY 1960, S/4405 OF
22 JULY 1960 AND S/4426 OF 9 AUGUST 1960

Addendum No. 2

NOTE VERBALE DATED 9 SEPTEMBER 1960 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF BELGIUM ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Belgium presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the note which was addressed to him on 8 September 1960 concerning a cargo of weapons said to have been unloaded at Elisabethville on 7 September 1960.

According to the information collected and communicated by the Belgian Government, some light weapons of Belgian origin have in fact reached Katanga in the past few days. However, their total weight could not possibly equal the nine tons quoted in the note verbale aforementioned.

As soon as the Belgian Government was apprised of the delivery in question it instituted a thorough and stringent inquiry into the matter. According to its information this was an order made on behalf of the Public Force and placed before 30 June 1960. The execution of the order was due to the incompetence of an ill-informed official.

The requisite measures were immediately taken by the Belgian authorities to make absolutely certain that no action of this kind can recur in the future.

The Belgian Government regrets that an administrative decision with unfortunate results gave rise to the note which the Secretary-General addressed to its Permanent Representative in New York on 8 September.

The Permanent Representative of Belgium has the honour to be, etc.